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Department of Public Safety Announces ‘Show Car’ *Thanks Sponsors of Specially Equipped Safety Education Vehicle*

MONTGOMERY -- Col. Mike Coppage, director of the Alabama Department of Public Safety, announced today that state troopers will begin using a specially equipped “show car” to help educate children about highway and traffic safety. Coppage also thanked the vehicle’s sponsors, who have helped outfit the trooper car with special paint, lights, audio and video equipment.

“This trooper ‘show car’ will be an effective tool for Public Safety in communicating to children the importance of highway and traffic safety,” Coppage said. “The generosity of area businesses and manufacturers, who share our commitment to safety, has made possible this new safety education vehicle at no cost to the department.”

The Ford Crown Victoria, formerly a blue-and-gray patrol vehicle, now sports customized paint and tinting; a fully mobile entertainment system featuring a special sound system, DVD player, video, CD and multiple displays; and fully customized special lighting. State troopers will use the show car statewide at schools, fairs and other events as part of their safety education programs.

“It’s clearly still a trooper car, but it’s eye-catching,” said Coppage, “an attention-getter to expand our safety message to Alabama’s children.”

Coppage extended the department’s gratitude to the following sponsors, who worked with Public Safety’s Fleet Maintenance Unit to outfit the vehicle:

- **Jimmy’s Car Stereo**, Montgomery, for use of the vehicle’s alarm system, wiring, fiberglass outfitting and all labor for installation of the entertainment system;
- **Sony Mobile Electronics** and **Monroe Distributing Company**, Huntsville, for use of the vehicle’s entertainment system;
- **Emergency Lighting by Haynes**, Montgomery, for use and installation of customized **Whelen** and **Show-Me** lighting;
- **Quality Glass Tinting** and **Image-1 Digital Graphics**, Montgomery, for window tinting and decals;
- **GoodYear Tire and Rubber Company** local dealers, for use of the tires and wheels; and
- **Pro Color**, Montgomery, which furnished paint and assisted in painting the vehicle.

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